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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DATA COMMUNICATION
By: Kenichi MORITA, Keisuke HASHIMOTO, and Kenichi TAKAHASHI
Attorney Docket: 15162/02390

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DATA COMMUNICATION, Kenichi MORITA, Keisuke HASHIMOTO, and Kenichi TAKAHASHI, inventors:

- (1) Specification;
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (3) Formal Drawings (11 sheets);

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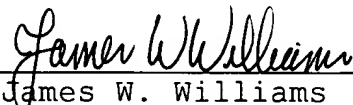
- (4) Certified Copy of the Priority Document;
- (5) Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 Form and copy of cited reference;
- (6) Transmittal of PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data;
- (7) Assignment of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
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Submitted herewith is bibliographic data (2 pages) for
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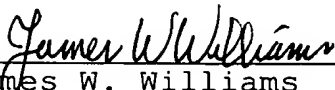
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